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Sunday Worship 9:30am
Sunday School Classes 10:45am

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Acolyte Volunteer Schedule

August 6: Lee Emma Dellinger & Alivia Flaningam

August 13: Sophia Magruder & Maddux VanMeter

Prayer & Praise Volunteer Schedule

August 6: Rachel Hayden & Letha Jane Dellinger

August 13: Marcy Hays

August 20: Connie Harrington

Donut Ministry Volunteer Schedule

August 6: Dennis & Beth Chattin

August 13: Jim & Dana Wyant

August 20: Fran & Herschel Biehl

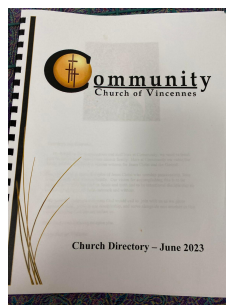
Please wear your church shirt THIS Sunday, August 6!!! We want our school students and staff to know their church will be praying for them throughout the school year.



Thanks for all the retirement good wishes, meals, cards, and gifts! This made me feel very special.

I appreciate the support and kindness I have been shown during my time as the church administrative assistant. I have met a lot of great people while working here and it has been a good experience.

Thanks for the memories,
Susie



CHURCH DIRECTORY INFORMATION:

IF YOU HAVE NOT PICKED UP YOUR NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY, PLEASE STOP BY THE CHURCH OFFICE DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS AND PICK UP YOUR COPY!

Please contact the church office if there are other clerical corrections that need to be shared with our church family.

Directory Correction: Faye Bilskie's email address is: efbilskie@gmail.com and Faye, Sandra & Eric no longer have landline telephone numbers. Please note the corrections in your New Directory.

HOW TO READ/STUDY THE BIBLE CLASS WILL BEGIN SEPTEMBER 10TH.

This class is for those students Grades 3 & above. If you have a child that is going into 3rd grade this school year or is above grade 3 and new to Community Church of Vincennes and does not have a Bible or has not attended this class, please contact the church office or fill out the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center. Bibles need to be ordered and we want to make sure we have an adequate





John Wesley and the Five Miracles of Healing

I first heard about “the five miracles of healing” when I was a student at Asbury Theological Seminary in the early 1970’s. Growing out of a profound experience of healing in his own life, Dr. Frank Stanger, who was the seminary president at the time, had a passionate interest in healing and taught a course at the seminary on Christian healing. “When most Christians hear the word, ‘healing,’” he said, “They tend to think primarily about supernatural healing. But as Lord of both creation and new creation, there are five principal ways in which Jesus heals, five miracles of healing we should emphasize.” He went on to describe them like this:

Jesus heals directly and supernaturally—the miracle of the supernatural touch.
Jesus heals through doctors and medicine—the miracle of modern medicine.
Jesus heals through the human body’s healing power—the miracle of nature.
Jesus heals through bestowing grace in suffering—the miracle of sufficient grace.
Jesus heals through victorious dying—the miracle of the victorious crossing.

Sometimes well-meaning Christians pray, “Lord, if it be thy will, heal so-and so.” But in the light of the five ways Jesus heals, I am convinced he always wills to heal. The question, then, is not whether Jesus wills to heal or not; the question is how does Jesus want to heal this person at this particular time? Through which of the five miracles of healing does Jesus will to heal? Does he want to use a combination of them? Better then to pray, “Lord, heal according to thy will.”

In the past, Christians from different backgrounds and traditions have often failed to take all five ways Jesus heals into account. For example, I was raised in the Evangelical wing of Methodism, and we were strong on Jesus’ healing through doctors and medicine. We also emphasized his sufficient grace for those who were suffering. Though we believed in the possibility of supernatural healing, in practice, we seldom expected or prayed for Jesus to heal that way. Your experience may have been similar to or distinctly different from mine. Maybe you grew up in the Pentecostal or Charismatic tradition where you prayed regularly and often for supernatural healing, but tended to neglect other ways Jesus heals.

As we follow Jesus the healer, it’s time for us to recover his wide-ranging, holistic ministry of healing. It’s time for his followers to recognize the vital importance of each of the five ways Jesus heals, and to engage in a balanced, integrated, full-orbed practice of them all. I can’t emphasize that enough.

Unlike many ecclesiastical leaders in his day Wesley was definitely not a cessationist who believed that healing miracles were restricted to the age of the apostles or the first three centuries of the church. He was convinced that miracles declined not because they were no longer necessary, as the cessationists argued, but because the hearts of believers eventually grew cold and hard. Having only a form of godliness, boldness and power (cf. 2 Tim. 3:5).

According to Robert Webster, “Throughout his lifetime [Wesley] unabashedly embraced a belief in the supernatural and was convinced that an affirmation of the invisible world was

an important component in the mission and ministry of Christianity in general and his Methodist societies in particular.” (Methodism and the Miraculous, 12). Belief and expectation of the supernatural, Webster maintains, was an essential strand in original Methodist DNA. Scattered then throughout his Journal, as well as The Arminian Magazine Wesley published for his followers, are specific accounts of supernatural healings among the early Methodists.

For example, in his journal entry for Thursday, October 7, 1790, he tells of visiting with a Mrs. Jones, a devout Methodist who had suffered in pain for many years due to a collapsed uterus. Various doctors had treated her, but her condition only worsened. Finally, having been bedridden for two months, she cried out, “Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me whole! Be it according to thy will!” Immediately, the pain and the disorder ceased, and she arose and dressed herself. In fact, from that hour, she had enjoyed perfect health. “I think our Lord never wrought a plainer miracle, even in the days of his flesh,” Wesley concluded.

Wesley believed in direct, supernatural healing, but he also held doctors and medicine in high esteem. Because poor people in his day had little or no access to physicians, as a desperate expedient Wesley decided, “I will prepare, and give them physic [medicine] myself.” So, he read widely in medical journals and consulted pharmacists, surgeons, and doctors in order to give them “the best advice I could and the best medicines I had.” (Works, 9, 275). The result was the establishment of a number of medical clinics among the Methodist societies and, most importantly, the publication of Primitive Physic for ordinary people. By far Wesley’s best-selling book, it went through 23 editions during his lifetime, earning him \$750,000 in royalties, most of which he gave away. Many of the recommended remedies and cures he included seem strange and even comical today, but in the 18th century they were the best fledgling medical science had to offer.

Wesley also clearly understood the impact our thoughts and emotions have on our bodies. In fact, he criticized the doctors of his day for often failing to take this into account. “They prescribe drug upon drug, without knowing a jot of the matter concerning the root of the disorder.... Why then do not all physicians consider how far bodily disorders are caused or influenced by the mind?” (Works, 21, 191). In most cases, “Till the passion [emotion] which caused the disease is calmed, medicine is applied in vain.” (Works 32, 119).

You can find Wesley’s emphasis on healing through sufficient grace in affliction in published sermons such as “On Patience” and “Heaviness through Manifold Temptations.” There is also a whole section labeled “For Believers Suffering” in the 1780 Collection of Hymns for the Use of The People Called Methodist. Charles Wesley, who wrote most of these hymns, was convinced that suffering and growth in holiness were closely linked.

As a pastor and spiritual adviser to many, John Wesley often wrote letters of encouragement to Methodists who had told him about their suffering and affliction. To one such dear woman, Mrs. Woodhouse, he writes, “Though sometimes it should be a grievous cross, yet bear your cross, and it will bear you: your labor shall not be in vain. Is not our Lord just now ready to bless you to increase your faith, and love, and patience... Surely His grace is sufficient for you: sufficient to subdue all things to Himself.” (Letters 5:12)

Much more could be said about Wesley regarding his involvement in each of the five ways Jesus heals. I want to commend him strongly to you as a model for healing ministry today. Of course, today we certainly have much more scientific knowledge in all five of these areas than he did. But we can still learn from how he held these five together in an integrated, balanced way. In his emphasis on all five of the miracles of healing, Wesley was ahead of his time and remains someone we should all seek to emulate.

Stephen Seamands is emeritus professor of Christian doctrine at Asbury Theological Seminary. This article is adapted from his forthcoming book, Follow the Healer: Biblical and Theological Foundations for Healing Ministry (Zondervan Reflective/Seedbed, September 2023).



Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at the Moose Lodge in Vincennes on **August 30**. Doors open at 5 pm and Bingo starts at 6 pm. Tickets are \$20 each and will get you a meal and 13 Bingo games. There will also be a Silent Auction. Please contact Holly Bruner at (812)890-4369 for a ticket or if you would like to donate something for the Silent Auction. Thank you!

*Rev. James F. Bitner
Pastoral Counselor*

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If there are questions or you need help in setting up an account, you may call Cindy Lone at 812-882-2220. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday are her normal days in the office, or you can leave a message and she will get back to you as soon as possible.

Sign the online [Pew Pad](#) in our website by clicking [here](#)

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